

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[75] A blade server with an improved method and apparatus for controlling the capacity utilization of the servers is disclosed. Capacity utilization information is obtained from blade servers mounted on a common backplane. The servers provide information concerning capacity utilization using spare link bandwidth without polling or the use of special messages. The blade manager then allocates network traffic based on a utilization algorithm in order to balance the capacity of the server in an efficient manner.